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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A sealing ring comprising:

an annular principal body responsible for dimensional stability and which on at least one axial side possesses a concentrically arranged annular groove having two radially opposite groove flanks, in which a sealing body, manufactured of rubber-elastic material, is held, which has a sealing bead projecting axially past the principal body, wherein within the annular groove an annular inner free space is provided radially within the sealing bead to receive the deformed material, and an annular outer free space is provided radially outside the sealing bead, the inner free space having a larger cross section at any point annularly than the outer free space, and wherein the capacity of the annular groove is at least equal to the volume of the sealing body so that the annular groove is in a position of also accepting the material, which defines the sealing bead, of the sealing body when the sealing bead is acted upon and deformed.

2. (Original) The sealing ring as set forth in claim 1, wherein the flanks of the annular groove run together in the direction of the groove's depth.
3. (Original) The sealing ring as set forth in claim 1, wherein the annular groove has

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